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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PR & RD Department (E&R) – Budget Estimates 2023-24 – Budget Release Order for Rs.1,47,00,000/- (Rupees One crore forty seven lakh only) as additional funds to State Election Commission - Administrative Sanction – Accorded - Orders – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (E&R) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.586 Dated:26.09.2023

Read the following:-

1. Letter LR No.214/SEC-E/2023-24, Dt. 03.04.2023 received from Secretary, APSEC, Vijayawada .
2. From the ITEC, Department vide efile bearing C.No.2040524, Dt: 09.08.2023.
3. From the Secretary, APSEC vide efile bearing C.No.2040524, Dt: 11.08.2023.
4. GO Rt No.2991, Finance (FMU-PR&RD) Dept., Dt. 07.09.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Secretary, APSEC has stated that the local body election process is being managed through Software modules/Mobile applications in most of the States including Telangana State. Keeping this in view, the State Election Commissioner has decided for development of Software modules/Mobile applications for local body Election Process Management in the Andhra Pradesh State also on the similar lines already developed and successfully implemented by the Telangana State Election Commission in the Telangana State. Accordingly, an amount of Rs.3.00 crore was included in the BE proposals for FY 2023-24 under HoA:2515-00-101-00-SH(21). State Election Commission-210. Supplies & Materials -219.Software Development. Therefore the Secretary, APSEC has requested the Government to release an amount of Rs.3.00 crores (Rupees Three crores only) as additional funds to be obtained as Supplementary Grants under the HoA: 2515-00-101-00- SH(21).State Election Commission-210.Supplies & Materials -219.Software Development towards meeting the expenditure for development of Software modules/Mobile applications for Local Body Election Process Management during FY 2023-24, at the earliest.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the ITE&C Dept has informed that the APSEC requested to go through the techno-commercial proposal submitted by the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad and offer suitable remarks to the PR&RD Department for release of funds of Rs. 1.47 Crore (Rupees One Crore and Forty-Seven Lakhs Only) for the current Phase - I IT Solutions of RLBs and ULBs. It is also requested to recommend to award the work to the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad on nomination basis as same IT solutions for Telangana State Election Commission and successfully implemented in the State of Telangana. In addition to that, a separate proposal for additional funds for procurement of essential hardware infrastructure required for APSEC to handle the volume of work for the next phases of IT solutions will be communicated appropriately. The ITE&C Dept has also informed that CGG, with its implementation experience at Telangana State (Te-Poll) and extensive domain knowledge, possesses a significant advantage with a shorter learning curve. CGG has submitted a quotation of approximately 1.47 Cr (Development - 0.95 Cr, AMC - 0.52 Cr).

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This falls below the estimated cost provided by RTGS. CGG has already developed 70%-80% of the required functionality for the three priority modules identified by APSEC. These modules can be customized and deployed first while the remaining modules are under development. Notably, CGG has already established an integration to update ECI data, further streamlining the implementation process. Considering the expertise and capabilities of CGG, it is recommended that the work be awarded to them on a nomination basis. This approach would save costs associated with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, processing efforts, and RFP processing timelines. The software standards GOs issued by the ITE&C Department vide G.O.Ms No.3 dated 08-07-2020 and G.O.Ms.No.12 Dated: 08.06.2015 must be followed for developing GoAP applications.

3. Where as in the reference 3rd read above, the PR & RD Department has referred the matter to the Finance Department with a recommendation for release of additional funds of Rs.1.47 Crore (Rupees One Crore and forty seven lakhs only) as per the proposal of the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad for the Phase-I development and maintenance of the Software Modules / Mobile Applications during the CFY 2023-24 and for awarding the work to the Center for Good Governance, Hyderabad on nomination basis as was already recommended by the ITEC Department. The funds required for hardware, if necessary, and for the subsequent phases of software development will be sought at an appropriate time. The AP State Election Commission would adhere to the caveats and best practices as have been suggested by ITEC Department in reference 2nd read above.

4. In the GO 4th read above, budget release order is issued duly sanctioning an amount of Rs.1,47,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and forty seven lakhs only) as additional funds in relaxation of TC & QR orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grant during the CFY 2023-24 towards meeting the expenditure for development of Software modules/Mobile applications for Local Body Election Process Management.

5. In pursuance of the orders issued in GO 4th read above, administrative sanction orders are hereby accorded for an amount of Rs.1,47,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and forty seven lakhs only) as additional funds in relaxation of TC & QR orders pending provision of funds by obtaining supplementary grant during the CFY 2023-24 towards meeting the expenditure for development of Software modules/Mobile applications for Local Body Election Process Management as suggested by ITEC Department in reference 2nd read above.

(Rs.in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Head of Account	Charged/ Voted	Provision in BE 2023-24	Addl. Amount sanctioned	Amount re-appropr-iated	Total provision in BE 2023-24	Amount already authorized	Amount authorized now	Balance amount available
Scheme Name :State Election Commission Procedure for drawl of funds :Detailed Voucher Bill Drawing Officer :Concerned DDO									
1	2515001 0100212 10219	V	0.00	147.00	0.00	147.00	0.00	147.00	0.00
	Total		**0.00**	**147.00**	**0.00**	**147.00**	**0.00**	**147.00**	**0.00**

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6. Permission is also hereby accorded to the State Election Commission to award the work to the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad on nomination basis as requested by the State Election Commission and recommended by the ITE&C Department.

7. The Secretary, AP State Election Commission shall take further action accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU - PR & RD) Dept. vide their U.0.No.FMU0RBAB(PRRD)/2/2023-FMU-PRRDRWS Computer No.2045683 Date: 08.09.2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary, AP State Election Commission, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary, ITEC Department.
The Commissioner, PR&RD Department.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Finance (FMU-PR&RD) Department, AP Secretariat, Amaravati.

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SECTION OFFICER